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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) An adjustable elevated hunting stand for supporting a person a spaced distance from the ground relative to a vertical structure, comprising:

a first platform comprising a first frame having a first member adapted for compressive register with the vertical structure, and at least one second member attached to the first frame and adapted for tensile register with the vertical structure; and

a second platform comprising a second frame having a first member adapted for compressive register with the vertical structure, and at least one second member attached to the second frame and adapted for tensile register with the vertical structure;

at least one of the first and second platforms including an attitude adjuster interposed between the at least one of the first and second frames and the vertical structure, wherein the person can adjust the planar alignment of the at least one of the first and second frames relative to the vertical structure when the person is supported on the adjustable elevated hunting stand.

2. (Original) The adjustable elevated hunting stand of claim 1 wherein the first member is moveable relative to the at least one of the first and second frames.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Original) The adjustable elevated hunting stand of claim 1 wherein the at least one second member comprises two support arms.

5. (Original) The adjustable elevated hunting stand of claim 4 wherein the two support arms extend around at least a portion of a perimeter of the vertical structure.

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6. (Original) The adjustable elevated hunting stand of claim 5 wherein the two support arms are adapted for locking communication around at least a portion of the perimeter of the vertical structure.

7. (Original) The adjustable elevated hunting stand of claim 1 wherein the attitude adjuster comprises a telescoping portion comprising part of the at least one second member.

8. (Original) The adjustable elevated hunting stand of claim 1 wherein the at least one second member is pivotally attached to the at least one of the first and second frames.

9. (Original) An adjustable elevated hunting stand for supporting a person a spaced distance from the ground relative to a vertical structure, comprising:

a first platform adapted to support a person in a standing position; and

a second platform adapted to support a person in a seated position;

at least one of the first and second platforms including an attitude adjuster interposed between the at least one of the first and second platforms and the vertical structure, wherein the person can adjust the planar alignment of the at least one of the first and second platforms relative to the vertical structure when the person is supported on the adjustable elevated hunting stand.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Original) The adjustable elevated hunting stand of claim 9 wherein the attitude adjuster comprises at least one member attached to the at least one of the first and second platforms and the vertical structure, and adapted for telescoping adjustment of the length of said at least one member.

12. (Original) An adjustable elevated hunting stand for supporting a person a spaced distance from the ground relative to a vertical structure, comprising:

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at least one platform adapted for at least one of seated and standing support of a user when occupying the hunting stand the spaced distance from the ground relative to a vertical structure, the at least one platform comprising:

a first member having an inner surface adapted for compressive register with the vertical structure;

a second member having an inner surface adapted for tensile register with the vertical structure, wherein the inner surface of the first member and the inner surface of the second member cooperate to define a selectable distance therebetween; and

an adjustable mounting between the first and second members, wherein the adjustable mounting between the first and second members allows for adjustment of the selectable distance between the respective inner surfaces;

whereby vertical structures having varying perimeters can be accommodated by selective adjustment of the selectable distance.

13. (Original) The adjustable elevated hunting stand of claim 12 wherein the at least one platform comprises a first platform adapted for seated support of a user when occupying the hunting stand and a second platform adapted for standing support of a user when occupying the hunting stand.

14. (Original) The adjustable elevated hunting stand of claim 13 wherein the first member is moveable relative to the second member.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

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19. (Currently Amended) The adjustable elevated hunting stand of claim ~~18~~14 wherein the adjustable mounting comprises a telescoping portion wherein one of the first and second members is received within the other of the first and second members.

20. (Original) The adjustable elevated hunting stand of claim 19 wherein the at least one second member is pivotally attached to the first member.

21. (Original) The adjustable elevated hunting stand of claim 12 wherein the first member is moveable relative to the second member.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Original) The adjustable elevated hunting stand of claim 12 wherein the second member comprises two support arms.

24. (Original) The adjustable elevated hunting stand of claim 23 wherein the two support arms extend around at least a portion of a perimeter of the vertical structure.

25. (Original) The adjustable elevated hunting stand of claim 23 wherein the support arms are adapted for locking communication around at least a portion of the perimeter of the vertical structure.

26. (Original) The adjustable elevated hunting stand of claim 12 wherein the adjustable mounting comprises a telescoping portion wherein one of the first and second members is received within the other of the first and second members.

27. (Original) The adjustable elevated hunting stand of claim 12 wherein the second member is mounted to the first member for pivotal movement with respect thereto.

28. (Previously Presented) An adjustable elevated hunting stand for supporting a person a spaced distance from the ground relative to a vertical structure, comprising:

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at least one platform adapted for at least one of seated and standing support of a user when occupying the hunting stand the spaced distance from the ground relative to a vertical structure, the at least one platform comprising:

a first member having an inner surface adapted for compressive register with the vertical structure;

a second member having an inner surface adapted for tensile register with the vertical structure, wherein the inner surface of the first member and the inner surface of the second member cooperate to define a selectable distance therebetween; and

an adjustable mounting between the first and second members, wherein the adjustable mounting between the first and second members allows for adjustment of the selectable distance between the respective inner surfaces, and wherein the adjustable mounting comprises a telescoping portion wherein one of the first and second members is received within the other of the first and second members;

whereby vertical structures having varying perimeters can be accommodated by selective adjustment of the selectable distance.

29. (Previously Presented) An adjustable elevated hunting stand for supporting a person a spaced distance from the ground relative to a vertical structure, comprising:

a first platform adapted to support a person in a standing position;

a second platform adapted to support a person in a seated position; and

at least one of the first and second platforms including a fixed portion and a movable portion mounted for movement with respect to the fixed portion, and an attitude adjuster interposed between the fixed portion and the movable portion to selectively move the movable portion with respect to the fixed portion upon actuation by a user, wherein the person can adjust the planar alignment of the at least one of the first and second platforms relative to the vertical structure when the person is supported on the adjustable elevated hunting stand.

30. (Cancelled)

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31. (Previously Presented) The adjustable elevated hunting stand of claim 29 wherein the attitude adjuster comprises at least one member attached to the at least one of the first and second platforms and the vertical structure, and adapted for telescoping adjustment of the length of said at least one member.

32. (Previously Presented) An adjustable elevated hunting stand for supporting a person a spaced distance from the ground relative to a vertical structure, comprising:

at least one platform adapted for at least one of seated and standing support of a user when occupying the hunting stand the spaced distance from the ground relative to a vertical structure, the at least one platform comprising:

a first member having an inner surface adapted for compressive register with the vertical structure;

a second member having an inner surface adapted for tensile register with the vertical structure, wherein the inner surface of the first member and the inner surface of the second member cooperate to define a selectable distance therebetween;

at least one of the first and second members including a fixed portion and a movable portion mounted for movement with respect to the fixed portion; and

an adjustable mounting interposed between the fixed portion and the movable portion to selectively move the movable portion with respect to the fixed portion upon actuation by a user, wherein the adjustable mounting allows for adjustment of the selectable distance between the respective inner surfaces;

whereby vertical structures having varying perimeters can be accommodated by selective adjustment of the selectable distance.

33. (Cancelled)

34. (Previously Presented) The adjustable elevated hunting stand of claim 32 wherein the adjustable mounting comprises at least one member attached to the at least one platform and

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the vertical structure, and adapted for telescoping adjustment of the length of said at least one member.

35. (New) A stand for supporting a person on a vertical structure a spaced distance from the ground, comprising:

a platform having a portion adapted to compressively register with the vertical structure;

a first arm having a first end mounted to the platform and a second end extending away from the platform;

a second arm having a first end pivotally mounted to the platform and a second end extending away from the platform wherein the second end is movable between a first position and a second position; and wherein the first arm second end and the second arm second end are selectively lockingly connectable to each other when the second arm second end is in the second position;

whereby when the second arm second end is in the first position, the stand can be positioned with the vertical structure between the first and second arms, and when the second arm second end is thereafter moved to the second position and lockingly connected to the first arm second end, the platform will support a person when it is in compressive registry with the vertical structure and the first and second arms are in tension relative to the vertical structure.

36. (New) The stand of claim 35 wherein at least one of the first arm and the second arm grips the vertical structure.

37. (New) The stand of claim 36 wherein the first arm and the second arm grip the vertical structure.

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38. (New) The stand of claim 35 wherein the second end of at least one of the first arm and the second arm comprises at least one shear pin for lockingly connecting the first arm to the second arm.

39. (New) The stand of claim 35 and further comprising an attitude adjuster interposed between the platform and the vertical structure, wherein the person can adjust the planar alignment of the platform relative to the vertical structure when the person is supported on the stand.

40. (New) The stand of claim 35 wherein the compression member is movable relative to the platform.

41. (New) The stand of claim 35 wherein the first end of the first arm and the first end of the second arm are pivotally mounted to the platform.